News From the Departments---New Posts, etc.

THE ENCAMPMENT.

Preparations for the National Encampment.

BOSTON, MASS., May 12, 1890. The Committee of Information of the Grand Army National Encampment held a meeting last week, at which Col. Thomas E. Barker presided, and made good progress in mapping out a plan of action at the National Encampment in August. It was voted to establish General Headquarters on the | guests. Altogether the seventh annual Encamp-Boston Common near the West street gate, and a sub-committee was appointed to arrange for branch bureaus at the various railroad stations and the principal botels. It was deemed advisable to have a Superintendent, who is to have charge of 500 Aids to be selected from Grand Army Posts, and, possibly, Sons of Veterans in Boston and vicinity, who are to be stationed at different points to furnish any information that may be desired. ---

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

IThe Assistant Adjutants-General of the different Departments are respectfully requested to forward a copy of the Department rosters for 1890 to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

CALIFORNIA .-The annual Encampment of this Department was held at San Jose, April 22, and was opened with a grand street p-rade. The Woman's Relief Corps presented the Convention with a handsome gavel, made of four pieces of wood. The handle is of wood from what is known as the Bloody Angle in the battle of Spottsylvania; the wood of the gavel proper is from the field of Gettysburg. On one side of the head is a panel of wood from the stockade of Andersonville and on the other a panel made from the timber of Farragut's flagship, the Hartford. It is mounted with a silver plate bearing the in-scription, "Presented by Courade L. B. Hill, Adjutant-General, Department of Maine, 1885." was inclosed in a handsome red plush case. The election of officers resulted as follows: Com., A. J. Buckles, of Vallejo; S. V. C., A. E. Mintie, of San Jose; J. V. C., William H. Wharff, of San Jose; J. V. C., William H. Wharff, of San Jose; J. V. C., William H. Wharff, of San Jose; J. V. C., William H. Wharff, of San Jose; J. V. C., William H. Wharff, of San J. C. Marketter and C. Markett Francisco; Medical Director, M. F. Price, of Colton; Chap., J. A. Crogan, of San Francisco; Council of Administration, W. H. Scamans, W. F. Randali, S. S. Pettit, C. B. Grass, S. G. Whipple; Delegate at Large to the National Encampment, W. H. I. Barnes. In the evening a banquet was held, which was attended by Commander-in-Chief Alger, Mrs. Jno. A. Logan, and other distinguished guests. A. J. Buckles, the new Commander, is Judge of the Superior Court of Solano County, and is a member of Farragut Post, No. 4, of Vallejo. He enlisted in the 19th Ind. as a private in June, 1861, and served in the Army of the Potomac until the close of the war. He was three times wounded and lost his right leg in front of Petersburg, March 25, 1865. A short time before this he had been promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant. Judge Buckles came to California in 1875 and settled in Solano County, which has been his home ever since. He served for five years as District Attorney, and has been six years Superior Judge of the County. He held the office of Senior Vice-Department Commander of the G.A.R. in 1888 and 1889.

Pollock Post, No. 42, Marion, has adopted resolutions favoring a service pension law. MASSACHUSETTS .-

Abraham Lincoln Post, No. 11, Charlestown, up with passing resolutions and the election of officelebrated its anniversary last week with a supper Robert A. Bell Post, No. 134, Boston, held a Campfire and entertainment last week for the benefit of its charity fund. Among those present were Gov. Brackett, Mayor Hart, Department Commander George H. Innis, Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, Depart-ment President, W.R.C.; William Power Wilson, President Board of Aidermen; Past Department Commander R. F. Tobin, Past Department Commander George S. Evans, Harrison Hume, Commander Post 19; ex-Mayor Fox, of Cambridge, Commander Post 15; Col. Chas. B. Fox, 55th Mass.; Col. Henry Walker, and others. Gov. Brackett made a speech in which he commended the organization for doing the great work of providing and caring for those who needed to be exred for. He hoped that this State would ever see that her old veierans were well looked after. Massachusetts, he said, had done more for these soldiers than any other State in the Union. He hoped she would continue to do sa. Mme. Nellie Brown Mitchell followed with a solo, and there were addresses by Department Commander Innis and Rev. Dr. J. C. Price, President of Livingstone College, Salisbury,

The following Posts have elected officers: Geo. K. Bird, 169, Norwood: Com., Alvin Fuller; S. V. C., Thomas Norion; J. V. C., T. F. Barny; Adj't, A. M. Shapleigh; Q. M., A. E. Pratt; Surg., C. H. Rogers; Chap., A. A. Hall; O. D., H. E. Du-pee; O. G., G. F. Stetson; S. M., J. C. Currier; Q. M. S., H. N. Fales.

Joseph H. Lombard; S. V. C., Wildes E. Deane; J. V. C., Emmons B. Corbin; Surg., Arnold F. Wallace; Chap., Henry J. Page; Q. M., Geo, W. Sargent; O. D., Charles H. Barslett; O. G., Osborn Walker: Adj't, Hobert W. Walker; S. M., Geo. W. Bruce; Q. M. S., Harrison O. Bemis,

Gon; Surg., H. E. Marion; Chap., John Cowan; O. D., Sam'l H. Mitchell; O. G., Jacob Danforth; S. M., Chas. H. Gordon; Q. M. S., C. C. King. field; S. V. C., R. L. Sands; J. V. C., Geo. Rouillard; Adj't, W. L. Lyon; Q. M., W. N. Eveleth; Chap., A. N. Clark; O. D., S. S-mott; O. G., T. J.

The following Posts have elected officers: rington; Adi't, Calvin Wilcox.

son; S. V. C., Wm, Hunt; J. V. C., Francis E. Hayes; Surg., William W. Tomlinson; O. D., Wm H. Baker; Chap., Wm. R. Lewis; Adj't, Milo A. Tissmisson; Q. M., John W. Finch; O. G., Warren D. Beiden; S. M., William Rogers; I. S., Murry Brown: O. S., Wm. Winton.

General Orders, No. 2, issued at Minneapolis, April 18, by command of James Compton, Department Commander-George W. Morey, A.A.-G .contain the following: In order to secure the greatest efficiency of the Posts in this Department, and to promote united efforts for the advancement of our Order, the Department Commander has divided the State into three Divisions, as follows: First Division, consisting of the Posts in the Counties of Pine, Kannbec, Mitie Lace, Benton, Morrison, Todd, Douglas, Grant, Wilkin, Otter Tail, Wardeng, Cass, Atkin, Cariton, Crow Wing. St. Louis, Lake, Cook, Raska, Hubbard, Becker, Norman, Polk, Marshall, Eltison, Clay, Traverse and Stevens, to be under the supervision of the Department Commander. Second Division, consisting of Posts in the Counties of Wabasha, Goodhue, Rice, Le Sucar, Sixollet, Lincoln, Dakots, Scott, Sibley, Renville Yellow Medicine, Earnsey, Hennepin, McLeod Kandiyohi, Chippewa, Lacqui-Parle, Washington Anoka, Wright, Meeker, Swift, Chisago, Isanta, Sherburne, Steams, Pepe, Big Stone and Carver, to be under the supervision of the Schlor Vice Commander, Third Division, consisting of the Posts in the Countles of Houston, Philmore, Mower, Freeborn, Paribanit, Martin, Jackson, Nobics, Bock, Winona, Olmeted, Dodge, Steele, Wassera, Blue Earth, Watonwan, Cottonwood, Murray, Pipe stone and Brown, to be under the supervision of the Junior Vice Commander. This division of the Posts is made in order that every Post in the Dy partment may be visited by a Department officer during the year. The Department Commander dedres to think Post officers throughout the Department for their promptness in forwarding re-ports for the first quarter of 1890, and to compliment them on the accuracy with which, as a rule, they are made out. Comrade Jorgen Simmons is hereby appointed Marshal of the Department, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. The Department Commander requests that Post rosters asked for by the Superintendent of the Elev-enth Census of the United States, be accurately

prepared and forwarded to him at once, where Posts have not already complied with the requessent from Superintendent Porter. The objects and purposes of the Woman's Relief Corps having been efficially recognized and indersed by the Nationa Encampment, it is the desire of the Department Commander that Post officers and comrades extend all aid and sympathy possible to that noble band of women who are doing so much to hold up our hands and help us in our work. The Depart ment Commander hopes that every Post in the De partment, not already provided, will take immediste steps to organize a Corps, believing that it will be found to be not only an efficient help to the Relief Committees of the Posts, but will also enhance the general interest. Another aid in our work merits our commendation. As we look on the organization of the Sons of Veterans, we are reminded of the day we donned the blue, and as our hearts warm toward them we should en courage them in their work and cordially bid them George W. Crook Post, No. 69, was mustered in

at Stillwater recently, with 12 charter members and the following officers: Com., B. G. Merry; B. V. C., James Mulvey; J. V. C., John Goodrich; Adj'l, H. C. Ferguson; Q. M., G. O. Huskell; Chap., C. A. Grant; O. D., J. G. Cover; O. G., F. C. Cutter, S. M. J. Mell models. ter; S. M., J. Meil ussick, NORTH DAKOTA .-

Geo. E. Farusworth Post, No. 145, was organized at Mayville last July, with 20 charter members. It le now in a floorishing condition, and mustering in

new recruits very rapidly. NEW MEXICO .-

The annual Encampment of the Department of New Mexico was held in Socorro April 10, with a fair reprepresentation present. The Council of Administration met at the parlors of the Windsor Hotel on the evening of the 9th, and transacted much important business. Among other matters the

Senior Vice and Acting Commander Lee H. Rudisille, of White Oaks, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Commander John H. Mills, . W. Lane was made Medical Directer in place of M. W. Robbins, who had never qualified. The action of the Council was ratified by the Encampment on the following day. The Encampment at its business meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing year; Com., Alex. M. Whitcomb, Albuquerque; S. V. C., James L. Morris, Wallace; J. V. M., Alex. M. Storey, Hillsboro; Medical Director, N. W. Lane, White Oaks; Chap., Thomas Harwood, Secorro, Council of Administration, Smith Simpson, Taos; Frances Buchanan, Socorro; Col. A. J. Fountain, Las Cruces; D. L. Sammis, Albuquerque; S. H. Pendleton, Deming. Delegate, A. J. Bahney, Socorro; Alternate, Maj. Philip Motherville, Engle. The city of Deming was selected as the place of holding the next Eucampment. The Encampment voted to present Mrs. Mills, wife of the deceased Commander, a Past Commander's badge, together with suitable resolutions of respect and condolence. The comrades of Slough Post, No. 6, Socorro, deserve much credit for the handsome manner in which they entertained the boys during the time they were their

ment of this Department was a success. The 24th annual Encampment of this Depart-

ment was held at Cincinnati, April 29, 30, and Department Commander S. H. Hurst, of Chillicothe, presided, and there were in attendance 468 delegates. In his annual address Commander Hurst stated that during the year there was added to the active membership 3,438, making Omo's Department the banner Department of the Nation, Commander Hurst paid a splendid tribute to the work of the Woman's Relief Corps, and in referring to the Sons of Veterans called attention to the fact that the two sections of the supporting army of the Sons of Veterans had formed an anicable union, and present to-day a compact organization, "When our campaigus are

ended, we shall with perfect confidence commit to their keeping the flag and country for which we fought," At the conclusion of his address the Commander introduced Gov. Campbell, who made the following address of welcome: "Commander Hurst and Comrades: I would not think of interpolating a speech into the proceedings, because I am myelf, in a certain sense, an interloper. I have not the distinguished honor of being a delegate to this Convention. I just marched down through the mud and dust with my Post from Hamilton. I am a high private in the rear. I got here too late to hear the Commander's annual addess throughout. I am serry I did not. I heard those eloquent words with which he closed, and I know that every one of you will join me in saying that the Grand Army of Ohio owes to its present Commander a debt of gratitude that it can only repay with the honor that it will show him as long as he lives. One thing more I will say. I am proud of this congregation before me, not only because they are my comrades, not only because of that warmth that wells up from the heart when old soldiers meet together, but I am proud because it is an integral part of the great smonwealth of Ohio, which it is my duty and pleasure to maintain. I am introduced to you not as a comrade, but as a Governor, and, in behalf of several other societies. Rev. Comrade Toomas, the people of Ohio, the great State that sent 300,000 of the Fifth Baptist Church, will be the orator.

Memorial services will be held by Anna M. Ross of her sons to make the State and country what it is; in her behalf I welcome you." Pension Commissioner Raum was also in attendance and addressed the Convention. He was warmly received, and stated that he was very glad to be present. The annual report of Ass't Adj't, Gen. John T. Raper shows that 569 Posts have expended in charity among their comrades in 1889 \$36,323. The oldiers and Sailors' Home has a credit of \$230,10 still standing. The death-roll shows 573 deaths, five-sixths of which belonged to the threeyears and veteran regiments. Seven Posts surrendered their charters during the year, and 88 battalions and 20 brigades were formed

of the Grand Army Corps of 46,000 men. In the evening several large Campfires were held, the principal one being at Music Hall, where Mayor hin Mosby welcomed the veterans to Cincinnati A large-sized audience also gathered at Trinity M. E. Church, where Corp'l Tanner delivered a lecture, entitled "A Soldier's Life; from Grave to to the cemetery in carriages. and day's session was entirely take cers, which resulted as follows: Com., Patrick H. Dowling, Toledo; S. V. C., C. M., Hassier, Dayton; , V. C., Ed. S. Grant, Cieveland; Medical Director, M. Galway, Xenia; Chap., John J. Wilson. gates, First District, Joseph L. Gaul, Wm. Miller, Cincinnati; Second, Morgan S. Shaw, John C. Roth; Third, J. C. Winans, Troy; E. B. Lyons, Dayton; Fourth, S. M. Collins, Sidney; J. S. Karns, Lima; Fifth, A. C. Mathias, Gilboa; Wm. McCutcheon, Bucyrus; Sixth, Albert B. Probert, Bloomdale George Holton, Mark Center; Seventh, J. M. Biackford, Springboro; David Thomas, Amelia; Eighth, Thos. McConnell, Urbana; John G. Warner, South Charleston; Ninth, James W. Tilton; Marysville; Oliver N. Weeks, Marion; Tenth, Isaac F. Mack, Sandusky; W. G. Alexander, Toledo; Eleventh, M. Sianton, Portsmouth; E. B. Bingham, Wellston Twelfth, Melville Hays, Wilmington; T. W. Evans, Richmondale: Thirteenth, J. M. Roberts, Lancas ter; H. T. Sibell, Westerville; Fourteenth, James Allen, Elyria; W. M. Hahn, Mansfield; Fifteenth, olm S. Adair, McConnellsville: F. M. Cline, Mid dieport; Sixteenth, L. H. Inscho, Newark; J. S. Minnes, New Philadelphia; Seventeenth, James H. Lavery Steubenville; James M. Dalzell, Caldwell;

myer, Carthage; Michael Lorentz, Cincinnati; Ezra Batcheller, 51, North Brookfield: Com. Third, Jacob J. R. Johnson, Camden; John B. By ron, National Soldiers' Home, Dayton; Fourth, J. E. Heppard, Mendon; S. W. Bishop, Greenville; Fifth, Wm. Harmon, Attica; L. E. Landon, Upper Sandusky; Sixth, A. L. Sargent, Delta; R. S. Murphy, Paulding; Seventh, T. & Conrad, Xenia; Thus, Bishop, Middletown; Eighth, Raiph Watson, Francis Washburn, Brighton; Com., Josiah Rhodes; S. V. C., A. H. Norcross; J. V. C., A. L. New Holland; J. Q. A. Randall, Belle Center; Ninth, James H. Kimble, Sunbury; Thomas D. Rid-Brock; Adft, W. A. Whipple; Q. M., Geo. F. Gordle, Iberia: Tenth, George Shects, Toledo; O. P. Heiler, White House; Eleventh, A. Winters, Ironton; T. C. Downey, Winchester; Twelfth, J. W. Evans, Fayetteville; Joseph H. Smith, Good Hope; Thirteenth, A. G. Chapman, Columbus; A. R. Kel-Clms. Beck., 56, Cambridge: Con., A. J. Littleler, Carroll; Fourteenth, Sparks Bird, Mohiean-

ville; J. W. Bearrup, Wellington; Fifteenth, J. W. Merrill, Barlow; Charles A. Cable, Nelsonville; Sixteenth, J. W. Compton, Coshocton; John P. Burn; S. M., W. N. H. Howe; Q. M. S., W. T. Gib-Poorman, Dresden; Seventeenth, J. W. Osborn, Cadiz; W. D. Jones, Bellair; Eighteenth, E. C. Farqubar, Damascus; D. J. Smith, East Liverpool; Nineteenth, E. J. Clapp, Thompson; Marshall Woodford, Warren; Twentieth, O. H. McDowell, Waddell, 120, Howell; Com., W. L. Knapp; S. V. C., E. R. Merithew; J. V. C., Julius Hesse; Medina; L. D. Cox, Bedford; Twenty-lirst, J. F. Q. M., N. J. Holt; Chap., J. D. Smith; O. D., C. E. Beliman, Cleveland; E. W. Elliott, Olmsted, Enyder; O. G., Chas. Washburn; Surg., Charles Frits; Q. M. S., J. V. Gilbert; S. M., Chas. Har-Council of Administration, Wells S. Jones, Wayerly; J. W. R. Cline, Springfield; Thos. McConnel, Urbaus; M. B. Moulton, Lima; Joseph W. Lonson, 255, May: Com., L. B. Hardy; S. V. C., O'Neall, Lebanon. The report of the Committee H. W. Wherstone; J. V. C., A. L. Bryant; Adj't, on Resolutions was adopted as follows: The Grand N. R. Schermerhorn; Surg., C. R. Whitney; Chap., J. Crosby; Q. M., A. T. Randall; O. D., J. W. James; O. G., W. Mead. Army of the Republic, Department of Ohio, in Encampment assembled, desirous of the confidence and respect of the American people, reiterate the Glesson, 175, Luzerne: Com., Stephen Richarddeclarations so often made that, as an organization, the Grand Army of the Republic is in no sense a political body, but that it is a purely social and benevolent association, founded on the great principles of fraternity and charity among its members, and loyalty by all its members to the Government

men who fought the battle of the Union and its work must of necessity be done in this now brief period of time. The men who fought these battles and still survive are in too many cases old and fee-ble, and what the Nation does for them must be done quickly; Therefore, Resolved, That without abandoning any claim heretofore made by this Department in behalf of michai; O. G., M. Fieming. our disabled comrades and the widows and orphans of our dead comrades, we now demand of the Congress of the United States the passage of a per diem service pension law, pure and simple. Resolved, That the various Posts in this Department be, and are hereby, instructed to continue BRAIN DISEASE.

> Patients. In a recent issue of a well-known medical journal, the eminent Dr. L. F. Locke takes his professional brethren to task for their neglect of the early symptoms of brain disease. After saying that it is a deplorable fact that the early symptoms are almost invariably overlooked by the sufferers and permitted to passuncared for, until the time when medical interference is of no avail, he makes this severe re-

A Doctor's Severe Criticism of the Medical

Profession's Treatment of Their

of the United States and its Constitution and Its

laws. Its existence is limited to the lifetime of the

"To dismiss patients presenting headsymptoms with the statement that their troubles are due to disorder of the stomach or liver, is a very convenient way to

cover up ignorance." He then mentions this case: "Not long since, a gentleman of this city, of wealth and high social position, one accustomed to using his brain inordinately when necessary, presented himself to his physician with the complaint that he could not sle p, and was suffering intensely from headache. These symptoms had been present for several months and were accompanied by dimness of vision, difficulty of speech, burning pain in the abdomen and momentary lapses of conciousness. The physician-a man eminent in the professionsubjected him to a thorough examination, and finally dismissed him, saying, that all his symptoms were due to disordered direstion for the relief of which he prescribed an ordinary tonic mixture. He continued his ordinary avocations, and within a fort-

night was paralyzed in his left side." It is a sad but true fact that had this man understood his symptoms, and used the great remedy for brain and nerve disorders, Paine's Celery Compound, he would have been saved for a life of usefulness. This wonderful medicine was proyidentially revealed to its eminent discoverer, and if you feel careworn, nervous or brain-weary, you do yourself an injustice if you do not try it to-day.

the observance of Memorial Day in their own lo-calities, and the Individual members of Posts are earnestly advised to take active part in Memorial services in connection with their respective Posts. The following Posts have elected officers:

Andrew Crawford, 6, New Philadelphia: Com., I. A. Correll; S. V. C., Reverdy Kirby; J. V. C., Lewis Crawford; Adj't, Wm. H. Ray; Q. M., J. S. Thornburg; O. D., George W. Krisely; O. G., James Smithyman; Surg., John Keiser; Chap. Jas. A. Cook; S. M., Frederick Graff; Q. M. S. James S. Minnis. Westfall, 599, Beaver; Com., John Wagoner; S V. C., Joseph Adduddell; J. V. C., T. W. Swan; Q. M., James Kern; O. D., William Leser; O. G., C. A. Lewis; Adj't, Eli Halterman; Chap., James Hoover; Surg., J. C. West; S. M., T. W. Armin-trout; Q. M. S., Jerome Behm. R. L. Dunham, 177, Bedford: Com., L. D. Cox; S.

V. C., E. S. Jenkins; J. V. C., Joseph Carter; Surg., M. H. Barnum; O. D., C. S. Wilkes; Chap., Jos. Anderton; Adj't, Jas. Daugherty; Q. M., J. C. Walton; O. G., J. G. Walton; S. M., J. D. Griest; Silas Kimball, 570, Milford; Com., Spencer Garwood; S. V. C., W. S. Alden; J. V. C., J. A. Moodie; Adj't, Wm. H. H. Faulkner; Q. M., A. J. Rigdon; Surg., W. Y. Roots; Chap., D. Overacker; O. D.,

Geo. Ritter; O. G., J. A. Miller; S. M., J. Robbins; Q. M. S., J. A. Moore, James Love, 686, New Athens: Com., Davis Garven; S. V. C., Hugh Oglevie; J. V. C., G. W. Wil-Bams; Chap., J. P. Cramblet; Surg., Thomas Dawson; Q. M., John Hanne; O. D., Alex. Wilson; O. G., Wm. Johnson,

PENNSYLVANIA .-Memorial Day will be observed Friday, May 30. There will be no great change in the general style of the decoration ceremonies in Philadelphia. The demonstration will be of the most elaborate character. All Posts are making extensive preparations for their parade, and musical and literary exercises and the planting and strewing of flowers on the graves of their comrades. Among the guests of George G. Meade Post will be Attorney-General Miller, Gov. Beaver, Department Commander Denniston and other comrades prominent in State and Grand Army circles. Past Department Commander Thomas J. Stewart will deliver the oration in Laurel Hill. Post No. 2 will have as its musical escort Beck's Band, under the leadership of Comrade J. G. S. Beck, of the Post. A choir of vocalists will be present, and sing some fine selections in Monument Cemetery, Gen. B. F. Fisher, a comrade of the Post, will be the orator. Rev. Dr. Benamin S. Agnew, pastor of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, will be the alternate. He, too, is a comrade of the Post. Post 2 has never gone outside of its own membership for Memorial Day orators, and the Post has furnished more than a lozen orators for other Posts. Congressman Marriott Brosius, of Laneaster, will deliver the address for Gen, U. S. Grant Post, No. 5, at Mount Morlah Cemetery, The Naval Post, No. 400, will decorate the graves in the Naval plot in Mount Moriah Cemetery at the same time that Grant Post strews the garlands on the other graves. Gen. D. B. Birney Post, No. 63, will have the Post Band and the Hancock street Methodist Church choir for its musical contingent. There will be in line Birney Camp, Birney Woman's Relief Corps and

Post, No. 94, Thursday evening, May 22, in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church at Fifteentl and Mount Vernon Sts. Rev. Charles W. Buoy will deliver the Memorial address,
Maj. William H. Lambert will deliver the Memorial Day address for Zook Post, No. 11, Norristown. n the morning, and for J. K. Taylor Post, No. 182, Bethlehem, in the afterne Gen. John F. Reynolds Post, No. 71, Philadelhia, will hold Memorial services in the Mariners'

Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. W. Downey Pastor, Sunday evening, May 25. Past Department Commander Thomas J. Stewart will be the orator. At the request of Birney Post, No. 63, the Birney Woman's Relief Corps, No. 104, have reconsidered the action by which it was decided not to take part in the Memorial exercises. They will be conveyed

The ladies Auxiliary Corns of The Cavalry Post. No. 35, Philadelphia, will give an entertainment and package party in the Post hall Tuesday evening. A Campfire was held in the ball of Phil Kearny Post, No. 55, Frankford, Monday evening, after the regular muster, in honor of the visit of Ellis Post, . 6, Germantown. The visitors rode over in three big omnibuses. There were speeches by Comrades William J. Duryea, of Post No. 55, and A. Insinger, of Post No. 6, and others. Coffee, hardtack and other refreshments were served, Col. J. W. Moore Post, No. 56, West Philadelphia, gave an interesting entertainment Wednesday evening at Institute Hall, which was attended by

musical program was of high order, as were also the literary exercises. By invitation of Greble Post, No. 10, Camp No. 236 visited that Post on Monday evening and gave the comrades an insight into ritual work of the ons of Veterans. Speeches were made by B. N. McNulty, Colonel, commanding the Division of ennsylvania; Commander Philip P. Jayne, Post 10; Comrade Thomas H. Leabourn, Post 71; Capt. Tongue, S. V.; Comrades Shuff, Grossman, McNulty, and others. A lunch was provided for

a large number of comrades and friends. The

the occasion. Eighteenth, L. D. Wordsworth, Youngstown; E. Assistant Inspector Snow, of Post No. 8, with a elegation, visited Ellis Post, No. 6, Germantown, A. Jones, Massillon; Nineteenth, J. W. Foster, Geneva; J. H. Furry, Ravenna; Twentieth, Elias Thursday evening, upon a lour of inspection. After Traunfelter, Akron; Harry McClarran, Wooster; the muster, speeches were made by Comrade Twenty-first, L. W. Baily, Cleveland; C. W. Sannow, Past Commander Dougherty of Post 8: burn, Berea; Alternates, First District, C. A. Sant-Past Commander Connolly, of Post 400; Comrade Brown, of Post 8; Past Commanders Beggard and and, W. D. Innes, M. C. Parker, Cincinnati; Rorer, of Post 6; Comrade Stinemeyer, of Post 8; Comrade Broadhead, of Post 6; Comrade Moore, of Post 8, and others.

The following Post has elected officers: Yeager, 13, Allentown : Com., W. A. Goranfle ; V. C., B. C. Roth; J. V. C., J. Geiger; Chap., W. W. Barr; Adj't, G. A. Scholl; Q. M., J. J. Buchmiller; O. D., W. F. Baker; O. G., A. Gelse; S. M., A. Gangeware; Q. S., J. Bitting; O. G., L. Reinbold; I. G., J. Kunkle,

WASHINGTON .-The eighth annual Encampment of this Department was held at Eliensburg April 30. About 300 delegates were present, representing 54 Posts. Imsediately on assembling the Encampment repaired to the railroad station and met Commander n-Chief Alger, who was escorted to the hall, Commander Cosgrove delivered his annual report, n which pension matters were discussed at great no debt to the old soldiers. The soldiers slmply did their duty. As a matter of justice the Government should take care of those who were disabled or have since become disabled. The report rearned thanks to the staff for assistance rendered the Commander during the past year, and dwelf upon the increase and prosperity of the Order in Washington and Alaska. The Commander then introduced Gen. Alger, who also spoke on the pension subject, taking issue with Commander Cosgrove as to the debt of the country to the soldiers. He thought the country owed them a debt which ould never be paid, favored a disability pension ill, and thought the Government should eare for the disabled in such a manner as not to take the veterans from their families. In the evening the citizens of Eilensburg tendered the Encampment a reception. Mayor Davidson delivered the address of welcome. Gen. Algeralso spoke, and was entiusiastically applanded. Mrs. John A. Logan

was present, and was tendered an enthusiastic WEST VIRGINIA .-The following Post has elected officers:

Pierpoint, 9, Wellsbug; Com., J. H. Haney; S. F. C., J. B. McNally; J. V. C., A. C. Nicholes; Q. M., B. Harvey; Adj't, T. H. Marks; Chap., A. E. Chamberlin; Surg., F. Springborne; O. D., M. Car-WISCONSIN.-The following Posts have elected officers:

J. N. Nichols, 177, River Falls: Com., George W. Chinnock; S. V. C., James Langdon; J. V. C., Jas. McDonald; Adj't, C. R. Ellis; Q. M., E. D. Levings; surg., Stephen Cornwall; Chap., J.W. Winn; O. D. D. Fisher; O. G., James Dunn; S. M., J. P. Carroll; Q. M. S., Wm. H. Williams, David Chaplin, 263, Amery: Com., H. R. Preston; B. V. C., J. R. Shaffner; J. V. C., Daniel Fox; Chmp., G. A. Tanner; Q. M., W. D. Thompson; O. D., W. R. Jones; O. G., J. R. Crowley; Surg., W. H. Fox; Adj't, W. H. Robbins. Post 42, Tomah: Com., J. A. Wells; S. V. C., J. M. McCurdy; J. V. C., E. G. Kinnie; Adj't, J. E. Perry; Q. M., F. Johnson; Surg., Wm, Planket; Chap., D. H. Spooner; O. G., I. Vandervort; O. D.,

E. M. Cowles; Q. M. F., W. Kunyon; S. M., E. R.

Bramin; Sent., John Brecker.

Gettysburg Monuments, At a meeting of a joint committee of the spective monuments at Gettysburg, Pa., July 2, 1890. Special rates will be procured on railroad, Excursion will leave Salamanca June 30, 1890. All members of the regiments are requested to be present, also all people of Chattaraugus and Chautauqua are invited to join in the ceremonies. All those intending to join the excursion, either soldiers or civilians, will please notify J. G. Johnson by postal card at Salamanca, N. Y., as soon as possible, and tion by his presence.

Department President Frisble reported the affairs whether they desire berths in sleeping-car, so that the transportation can be secured. By order Committee.

The Sterling (III.) Soldlers' Monument. The citizens of Sterling, Ill., will unvail a monument to the soldlers of Whiteside County, Ill., on the 4th day of next July. The monument will be 52 feet high and of Barre granite. Gen, Alger, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Judge W. Q. Gresham, Gov. Fifer, Gen. T. J. Henderson, M. C., Commander Ditson and Staff of the Department of of Illinois G.A.R., and Col. Clendenning, Staff, and six companies of the 6th Regiment, Illinois National Guard, have promised to be present and participate in the ceremories. Sterling promises to make a visit to that lively city at the date above given both amusing and instructive in patriotism. At least 20,000 old soldiers will be present at the ceremonies.

> A Very Peculiar Custom. [Texas Siftings.]

Brown (reading a newspaper)-The Japanese have one peculiar custom. Mrs. Brown-What is that? "They invariably take off their shoes on en-

tering a house." "Yes, the custom is rather peculiar, inasmuch as it is practiced at all hours instead of at night

has made no reply.

Up to the time of our going to press Brown

Gleanings from National Headquarters--- Notes from the Departments.

Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, National President. Mrs. Abbie Lynch, National Secretary.

OBJECTS OF THE DELIEF CORPS. To specially aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the memory of their heroic dead. To assist such Union veterang as need our help and protection, and to extend needful aid to their widows and orphans; to finds them homes and employment, and assure them of sympathy and friends; to cherish and emulate the deeds of our

Army Nurses, and of all loyal women who rendered loving service to their country in her hour of To inculente lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live: to maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty and to encourage the spread of universal liberty and equal rights

Women of good moral character and correct deportment, who have not given aid and comfort to the enemies of the Union, who would perpetuate the principles to which this association stands pledged, and who have attained the age of 16 years, shall be eligible to membership in the Woman's Relief Corps.

MEMORIAL DAY. HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,) AUXILIARY TO THE G.A.R., ALLEGHENY, May 6, 1890.

General Orders, No. 4. The setting apart of one day each year as a sacred holiday in memory of the brave, patriotic men who gave their own lives to save the life of their country, is without a parallel in the history of the

The coming of Memorial Day tenderly reminds every loyal American citizen of the sacred obligaion resting upon each one to hold in grateful and perpetual remembrance the heroic men who counted not their lives dear unto themselves when the principles of free Government and the perpetuity of the Republic were imperiled, but who in the strength of their royal manhood faced glittering bayonets and belching cannon, and made of their own living badies an impregnable barrier ngainst the blasting, scorehing tides of war, and at the cost of all things brought victory to the Union army, freedom to millions, and peace, prosperity and joy to a mighty Nation.

No longer we hear the clash of arms And the cannon's fearful booming, No longer the torch of war alarms, Our cities and homes consuming.

The smoke of battle has cleared away, And Peace her vigil is keeping, Though wet with tears are the flowers we lay

Where our gallant dead are sleeping, It is fitting that this sacred Memorial Day should come when nature bears on her loving breast her fairest and richest tribute of flowers and every breeze is laden with music and perfume, and it is are enjoying the fruits of the measureless sacrifices of these beroes, should come with reverent tread and grateful hearts to scatter with lavish hands a

wealth of flowers on the graves of those who made peace possible, Let every soldier's grave be a flower-bed and every soldiers' cometery a flower-garden. Send the children by the thousands to the hills and woods to gather the choicest flowers, and build high the monuments to the unknown dead, and with crowns and crosses, with anchors and harps

weave to them chaplets of honor. It is expected that every member of the Woman's Relief Corps will do her part in the important work of providing flowers for and co-operating with the Grand Army of the Republic in the beautiful and sacred services of Memorial Day. By command of ANNIE WITTENMYER, National

President. ABBIE LYNCH, National Secretary.

NATIONAL RELIEF CORPS HOME. Following Ohio Convention National President Annie Wittenmyer visited the site of the proposed National Relief Corps Home, Geneva, O., and was delighted with the site offered and the whole-souled generosity of the people in offering to meet every requirement in the case,

The site was accepted, and the loyal Western Reserve will now proceed to complete the building ready for occupancy. Army Nurses or the friendless mothers and widows of soldiers desiring to get in applications early should address Sarah E. Fuller, National Pension and Relief Committee, Medford, Mass.

At the seventh annual Convention, Department of Ohio, a resolution was passed to work for the National Home, whether located in Olin or elsewhere. The noble offer of the people of the Western Reserve, the home of Glddings, Wade and Garfield, gives the Home a trui National character, and will be sure to command the best efforts of every Department in the same fraternal spirit. Sisters everywhere, help us to seek out the loyal women who need the comforts of this Home, - Kate ength. He took the ground that the country swed | B. Sherwood, Chairman, Pension and Relief,

Department Gleanings. DEPARTMENT OF OHIO,

Ohlo carries triple honors, being the banner Department, G.A.R., W.R.C. and S. of V. Herewith a given a picture of Elizabeth Sutherland Herron, the beautiful and accomplished woman who has presided so gracefully and ably over the Department of the Woman's Reilef Corps for the year just ending.



Department President Herron is the wife of Thos. G. Herron, M. D., a veteran with a gallant record, and the daughter of Rev. William Sutherland, D.D., formerly paster of St. Paul's and Trinty Churches, Cincinnati, now of Felicity, O. When she took the office the Department was flourishing, and there has been a healthful and steady growth throughout the year. Over 300 Corps and upward of 12,000 members are enrolled upon the roster, and the amount expended in relief up March 31 was \$9,-

Obio Relief Corps work is thoroughly or-ELIZABETH SUTHERLAND ganized and systematic, local work, important aid and comfort has been extended to the Ohio Soldiers' Home and the Ohio soldiers' and Satiors' Orphans' Home. This complicated machinery has been carefully supervised by President Herron, besides which she has found time to personally visit many Corps, attend District meetings and make official rounds to the two grand institutions named, of which Ohio is so

justly proud. President Herron graduated with honors, at the head of her class, at the Ohio Wesleyan College, in 1865. She early served as President and Secretary of George H. Thomas Corps, Cincinnati, and on 154th and 64th N. Y. held at Salamanca, N. Y. numerous State committees. She is a fine writer, April 26, it was decided to dedicate their re- a persuasive orator and one of the growing women of America, who are so rapidly coming to the front.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA. The Department_Convention of California, W.R.C., was a grand gathering of women, Mrs. Gen. Alger, Mrs. Gen. Logan and Mrs. Gov. Waterman being among the distinguished guests present. Mrs. Logan delivered an eloquent address, inciting her sister workers to continuous and increased labor for the cause of loyalty and fraternal relief. Commander-in-Chief Alger hongred the Conven-

of the Department highly prosperous. The sum of \$10,482.92 has been expended for relief; \$1,752.94 given to the Posts to aid them in their relief work by their auxiliary Corps, and \$3,220.75 expended for food and clothing, while 437 members of the various Corps and their families and 2,510 soldiers and their families received assistance. The Department consists of 60 Corps, nine new ones having been organized and two reorganized during the term. There are 3,029 members in the Department. Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, President of the Home Association, reports the Home at Evergreen a grand success. The total receipts were \$24,108.40, of which \$10,000 is the State appropriation. The balance was received from Corps and private donations. The disbursements were \$21,247.35, leaving \$2.871.05 cash on hand. The thanks of Convention were extended Gov.

Waterman for his efforts in securing a State ap-propriation for the furnishing and maintaining of be Home, and promptly signing the bill. Past | the following formula, which can be tried by Department Commander Solomon was also anyone; Take the last two figures of the year, thanked for his efforts in behalf of Home legislation. Officers installed are as follows: Pres. P. Stanton Marshall, Reno; S. V.-P., Abble E. John, Los Angeles; J. V.-P., Addie McDonald, Oakland; Treas., Mary E. Ferguson, San Francisco; Chap., Mary C. McCleare, Berkeley. Executive Board, Eliza Smith, Mary McCleare, Lucy Huey, Henrietta Stuckmeyer. Home Association, Eliza Smith, Lucy Huey, Fannie Edwards, Mary McCleare, Helen Longdon, The drama of "The Comrades," given by Liberty

Post and Corps, was a success. After the play dancing.-G. Gailagher, Department Corresponding Secretary. DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING. DEAR TRIBUNE: The Convention of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, W.R.C., was memorable from the presence of Commander-in-

Chief Alger, National President Wittenmyer, National Senior Vice-President Manchester and Mrs. Gen. Logan. This Convention very commendably varied their proceedings by receiving essays on "Some Phases of Woman's Work in this Country." There were 11 competitors, the Henderson gold medal offered for the best being awarded to Past Department Chaplain Meredith. Department President Henderson was presented, on retiring from office, with a fine watch and chain. Officers installed by the National President were as follows: Mesdames America Anderson, Denver, President; B. Anderson, Boulder, Senior Vice President; Eldredge, Golden, Junior Vice-President; Della Keisey, Denver, Secretary; De Lange, Denver, Treasurer: Whist, Denver, Chaplain; Clemina Howard, Greeley, Counselor: Fitch, Lara-

lips, Breckenridge, Inspector. DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS. DEAR TRIBUNE: The Executive Committee for National Convention met at Headquarters April 25. The various sub-committees reported progress Arrangements were made for a meeting of the General Committee May 6. Charles Russell Lowell Post kindly offered the use of their hall for the meeting. Mrs. Ralph, Chairman of Finance Committee, reported additional subscriptions and

mie, Instituting and Installing Officer; Ida Phil-

The 25th anniversary of Lee's surrender was celebrated in Grand Army Hall, Worcester, by corge H. Ward Corps. The celebration took the form of a fair. There were 12 companies of 16 ladies each, and each of these was represented by a booth at the fair. The ladies were gaily attired, and the fair itself was a very brilliant affair. The entire proceedings were a complete success. Corps 68, Dorchester, initiated 12 members at its last meeting, and expect several candidates at its next meeting. George H. Ward Corps, No. 11, Worcester, is the

largest in the State; 198 members were reported on the first of the quarter. Sophia D. Hall, Department President; Department Senior Vice-President Rummels, and Adelaide P. Kent, Past Department President of New Hampshire, visited the Soidiers' Home recently. They are active in work for the proposed Home in New Hampshire. Mary E. Knowles, Department President, represented the Order at the grand Camplire of Robert A. Bell Post. Corps 67, auxiliary to this Post, was

present. Gov. Brackett, Maj. Hart, Department Commander Innis, Prof. Price, of South Carolina; Past Department Commander Evans, Commander Hume, of Gettysburg Post, and Commander Fox, of John A. Andrew Post, were among the invited guests. Nellie Brown Mitchell, Corps 68, Dorchester, rendered several songs in her charming manner.-Helen A. Brigham, Department Corresponding Secretary. DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

DEAR TRIBUNE: The W.R.C. of Pennsylvania are working in earnestness of soul and unity of purpose for the Pennsylvania Memorial Home, and not one true-hearted loyal woman has fallen out The little Corps, No. 126, at New Bethlehem,

has added five new names to their roster this year, and is working for the Home, having had a small entertainment recently, from which they realized 322. This they expect to follow up by a festival for the same fund on Memorial Day. They held a social with the Sons of Veterans; light refreshments served. Their meetings are well attended, and the outlook for the present year is a very Lieut Joseph White Corps, No. 76, of Phoenixville, held a very successful supper recently, for the benefit of the Memorial Home at Brookville, at which they realized \$100. This Corps is com-

posed of a band of earnest, noble women, who are

There are now seven inmates in the Pennsylva-

ever ready to aid all who need their assistance.

Hinley and wife, an aged couple from Mount Carmel. This soldier served in Co. D. 22d Ohio, from November, 1861, to November, 1864. Other inmates, besides George A. Mitchell, Co. I, 125th Pa., and wife, the crippled pair first admitted, meet and right that a loyal, grateful people, who are Levi Lunie, Co. A, 1st Pa. Reserves, discharged from the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors' Home, at Eric. to join his wife in the Memorial Home. The old idier is almost blind, and had been separated from his wife two years.

The annual Beanbake, of George Cook Post, assisted by the Corps, held day and evening, was the usual success. The Campfire in the evening was varied by song and story. President Alian, of Corps 88, presented an interesting summary of the Corps work for the year, together with a description of the Memorial Home at Brookville, in which both Post and Corps are so deeply interested. The Beanbake of 1990 will long be memorable.-Anna Campbell, Corps Secretary.

Your correspondent, assisted by Jennie B. Pinney, of Corps 74, Ass't L and L Officer, instituted Indiana Corps, No. 70, at Indiana, with thirty charter members, and in the evening publicly installed the following excellent corps of officers: Pres., Adaline M. Hood; S. V.-P., A. L. White; J. V.-P., M. A. McLain; Sec., Mary L. Birkman; Treas., Mattie Hilberry; Chap., Margaret N. Smith; Conductor, Virginia Hastings; Guard, N. Adler. Quite lidæ, notwithstanding the "modification of a number of Post 28, G.A.R., were present, and the musteline type of structure" which sea rarely accomplished successfully, but when the heartily indersed the work of the W.R.C. Among these were Gen, Harry White, ex-Senator Hood and Past Commander Thompson; the former giving an account of a recent visit to the Pennsylvania Memorial Home. This Post will have cause to be proud of their auxiliary. The next afternoon the same ladies instituted

Major Bolar Corps, No. 80, at Homer City, with than that of lutra canandensis, the eyes and of the nearest boat, which again occupies the officers: Pres. Belle Evans; S. V.-P., M. S. Bolar; J. V.-P., M. E. Kier; Sec., J. H. Devers; Treas., Jennie Milliken; Chap., Anna P. Reed; Conductor, On the other hand, Susie Chesley; Guard, Jennie Stahl. This Corps, though small in numbers, starts out with the hearty good-will and co-operation of Post 533, and the exsellent ladies who composed it will make it a suc-

The same evening we expected to organize at Binirsville, but the heavy rain prevented all the ladies interested from attending the meeting, and it was decided to postpone the institution for a few weeks. We never attended a meeting where the comrades of the Post were more enthusiastic over he work of the Woman's Relief Corps, and where everyone present pledged it their support. Blairs-ville Corps will be A No. 1. To Maj. T. D. Cunningham, of Finlay Patch Post, we return hearty thanks for his attention and courtesy, as well as to the ladies and comrades at Blairsville, Homer and Indiana for the warm reception given us because of the work in which we are engaged,-Kate M. Scott, Dep't Corresponding Secretary.

ALL ALONG THE LINE. The journal of the seventh annual Convention, Department of Indiana, for a copy of which the Editor is indebted to Jennie Meyerhoff, Past Department President, Indicates healthy activity in the Department and much good accomplished the past year. It is pleasant to note that the W.R.C. and S. of V. of Indiana have combined to show more respect to the soldiers of the Republic; the S. of V. will give the army salute to every veteran wearing the G.A.R. badge, known or unknown. Department President, Bessie E. Young, of Missouri, has established Department Headquarters at the Hall Building, corner 9th and Wainut, Kansas City, where all members of the G.A.R. and W.R.C. may be assured of a cordial greeting.

Each delegate to National Convention should

provide herself with the printed list of Massachusetts W.R.C. Committees on National Convention, for a copy of which Lizabeth A. Turner, Treasurer, Executive Committee, will accept thanks. E. M. Stanton Post, No. 20, Rising City, Neb., are | the heary tips of the longer stiff hairs," sappy boys once more. Stanton Corps formally presented them with a flag, which now heralds loyalty and patriotism to the breeze as it floats over Grand Army Hall. The Corps made a dinner, and G.A.R. and S. of V. united in making a red-letter Woodruff Corps, No. 156, auxiliary to Post 113, has

been instituted at Washburn, Ill., by Instituting and Installing Officer Clark, of Peoria. The women Lincoln's State are moving on in command to

Essie M. Howell reports Corps 80, Westboro, Ma-s., busy and happy, having increased in membership from 48, when organized, January, 1887, to 100. President Jane M. Chase, greatly beloved in the Corps, is the wife, daughter and sister of a veteran; a member of the Finance Committee for National Convention. Corps 80 held a fair with the | wild, ever break far within their borders. Reunion of the 120th Onto will be held at Wooster, s. of V., receiving half the net receipts, which were \$200. This Corps will decorate the graves of eight embers on Memorial Day. The address of Kate B. Sherwood, Editor Wom-

an's department of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, will hereafter be Canton, O., which her personal correspondents will kindly make a note of.

of the Interior and the Commissioner of Pensions. own body between her offspring and harm, at Harrisburg the evening before. The survivors Assistant Secretary Bussey recently rendered a decision in the pension claim of Wesley C. Gerard, Lieutenant of Co. B, 72d Ind. About tenderness, and they are among the shyest, H. C. Alleman, N. Y.; Maj. Jeremiah Rohrer, of December 5, 1862, claimant was requested or | wariest, and most timid of living beings. A | Middletown; Adj't A. L. Chayne and Capt J. Wesdirected by his Captain, who was sick in his | pup cannot be reared by hand. Away from the | ley Awe, of Harrisburg, and others. quarters in camp, to go out into the country mother it always perishes, according to current WISCONSIN. contiguous to the camp and endeavor to pro- accounts, by voluntary starvation. Playfulcure some food suited to his feeble condition. ness is said to be characteristic of adults also, After receiving leave from the Major of the | who are described as being fond of tossing a | du Chien, June 11, 12 and 13. The Wiscousta Cavregiment, claimant mounted a mule and started bit of sea-weed into the air and catching alry Association (consisting of the 4th Cav.), also off. During the trip the mule became unman- the fragment before it can reach the water. ageable and threw his rider heavily to the Observers furthermore state that they do not ground, severely injuring the small of his back, | invariably crush the tests inclosing their food causing paralysis of the lower extremities and a breaking up of the nervous system. The claim was rejected by the decision of the Commissioner of Pensions, on the ground that the injury for which pension is sought was not received while in the line of duty. The Assistant Secretary, however, holds a contrary view, and

A Wrinkle in Reckoning Dates, [Providence Telegram.]

A gentleman was showing a curious thing in the State House this noon-showing how to tell the day of the week of any date. He gave add a quarter of this, disregarding the fraction; add the date of the month, and to this add the figure in the following list, one figure standing for each month, 3-6-6-2-4-0-2-5-1-3-6-1. Divide the sum by 7, and the remainder will give the number of the day in the week, and when there is no remainder the day will be Saturday. As an example, take to-day, March 19, 1890.

Take 90, add 22, add 19, add 6. This gives 137, which divided by 7 leaves a remainder of 4, which is the number of the day, or Wednesday.

No other preparation so meets the wants of a debilitated system as Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

FUR-BEARERS.

Something About the Animals Whose Warm Coats are Sacrificed for Man's Comfort.

THE SEA OTTER.

They Have the Heavy Cylindrical Bodies of Young in Her Arms.

BY DR. J. H. PORTER.



RCTOIDEA musteliformia, the weasel bears, form the third sub-group of the arctoids, and include the family Mustelida, with which we are at

guished from other carnivorous mammals are instantly vanish from the southern shore, which well marked, and few if any naturalists of re- alone it visits, at the smell of smoke. Many pute differ in their views respecting the limita- of these men, of course, perish from hardahip, tion of the group," When, however, its mem- and all earn their rewards through much pribers come to be arranged according to their | vitation and suffering. organic affinities, classed conformably with there is less unanimity of opinion upon the vations, and of the information which he ob-Here, with Cones, Gill, Lockwood, etc., it is Besides the shell-fish before enumerated, they mustelidæ, of which enhydra lutris, the sea tender fronds of sea-weed and kelp. Their are peculiar to North America, and that at | developed is the sense of smell that "they will As in the larger division of bear-like animals | the hunters always firing at the animal's head. comprehending enhydring, so in the latter It is said that the sound of the report is lost in also, they both exhibit variations of structure | that of the breakers, and others who may be in which seem to preclude association. Not arbi- the vicinity remain undisturbed. A shot in trarily by any means, but on account of funda- the head is almost invariably fatal, and the mental likenesses, creatures apparently so man either recovers his prize by means of a tia Memorial Home. The latest arrivals are Patrick | diverse in their bodily specializations as the | "bidarkie," or if the water be too rough for partially plantigrade wolverene and wholly that frail craft, he waits until it is washed on



SEA OTTER. flatfooted grison, are grouped with the toe- The fleet seeks a region which otters frequent, stepping martens and weasels. For like rea- and when one is seen sleeping on the water, sons the genus enbydra is affiliated with muste- for they are commonly found singly at sea, the lidæ, notwithstanding the "modification of discoverer endeavors to steal upon it. This is otters exhibit. These have the heavy cylin- animal dives, the first cance occupies the spot drical body of common otters, and like them at which it went down, and the others form a the general contour is scarcely so much con- wide circle which has this one for a center. stricted anteriorly as to form an appreciable Within this area it must rise to breathe in from neck. Again, as in the Canada otter, the head | 20 to 30 minutes, and as soon as it does so, the is relatively small, round, but more massive animal is compelled to dive again by the rush ears are somewhat diminutive, and the tail is spot where it disappeared, while the rest derather short, tapering and blunt at the end. ploy as before. This goes on "until the sea

ADAPTATIONS INVOLVED IN ITS MODE OF LIFE have changed the short, stout hind limbs of the North American otter "into flipper-like organs, not very dissimilar to those of some seals in enhydris," and have likewise specially modified its coat, and altered the teeth so radically

that they no longer resemble those of any of its family. In the unique dentition of this sub-family a pair of incisors in the lower jaw is wanting, and, in fact, all the cutting teeth "are defunctionalized as such." Their structure is adapted to crushing the shells of clams, sea urchins and muscles, upon which sea otters almost wholly subsist. Their distinctively cutting character has disappeared. Similarly, the grinders are massive and tubercular and the canines small and blunt. In this instance, the entire dentature is the resultant of circumstances which confined these animals chiefly to the regimen | reference.-EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE. of shell-fish above specified, and superinduced habits like those of the walrus. This is but the merest outline sketch, but it indicates the essential points connected with enhydra, whose pelt is among the most valuable of any in the musteline group. Sea otters are entirely covered, except the muille and palms, with a coat remarkable for the preponderance of under-fur over its longer and stiffer portion. "Coloration varies greatly with age and seasou," but in good specimens the pelage is of a

below, everywhere silvered or 'frosted' with According to Elliott, the average entire length is from three and one half to four feet. The sexes are identical in appearance, and MAINE. the young, which are born at all seasons, are brought forth (at least such is the native account) upon kelp beds-"in pleasant or not over-rough weather," adds Lockwood. There is nothing in the physiology of parturition to sustain a belief that volition has any control over its progress, and this statement is probably an inadvertence. Births must occur in- are requested to send their addresses to the Secredependently of atmospheric changes, and, apart | tary not later than Sept. 15. from this, all who are familiar with kelp beds OHIO. know that the waves of no tempest, however | J. P. Van Nest, Secretary, Wooster: The 23d annual Young sea otters have

A BROWNISH, GRIZZLED COAT, with grayish or rufous white head and nape, but the fur becomes "prime" at two years. with the teeth, but take a muscle, for example, in each short fore paw, and strike them together until the shells are fractured, upon Confederate ex-soldiers who participated in the which their contents are at once sucked out. As enhydra, at present at least, is somewhat circumscribed in geographical distribution, the single genus and species of the family being confined to the coasts and islands of the North | invited to preside. Pacific, it is not exposed to any considerable range of temperature, and therefore does not exhibit marked seasonal alterations in its coat, the constituents of which grow and fall out like the hairs upon a human head. In other words, the sea otter is always prepared

to encounter severe weather. The value of its pelt was soon appreciated, and besides those field naturalists who, from Steller and Pallas down, have more or less scientifically described this ofter, the Russian navigators, whose relations Cox has summarized, and most of the English vovagers to our northwest coast, Cook, Meares and the rest, have seldom failed to contribute some information on this subject, although it must be confessed that, for the most part, these latter writers are not very instructive. "A truthful

life of the sea otter, and of THE HARDSHIPS AND PERILS encountered by its hunters would surpass in

This is perhaps an exaggeration. It scarcely lies within the possibilities of actual occurrences to compass more than fancy can portray, while so far as narration is concerned, few who are extensively read in the literature of travel and adventure have not regretted the fact that writers of fact are constantly so much less pleasing than those of fiction. Undoubtedly sea otters are sought amid such scenes as have elsewhere most profoundly impressed the imaginations of men, and in their pursuit external circumstances and the constant vicissitudes of men's lives co-operated to effect the minds of those occupied with their pursuit. But those who engaged in bunting them were for the most part insensible to mathetic suggestions, as well as unable to record their more Common Otters-The Short, Stont, Hind Limbs important experiences. Thus it follows that of the American Otter have been Turned into the habits of the animal in a state of nature are Flipper-like Organs-The Teeth are Adapted to so illy understood. As was said, the sea offer Crushing the Shells of Clams, Sea Urchins and is extremely shy of man, and at all times alert Muscles, upon which They Almost Wholly Sab- and wary. When the Russian traders invaded sist-Its Pelt is the Most Valuable of any of the | the Aleutian Islands they inaugurated a period Mu-taline Group-Its Color Varies Greatly with of indiscriminate slaughter. Their prey was Age and Season-In a Good Specimen the Pelage | then plentiful and comparatively easy to secure, Is of a Deep Liver-Brown Above and Below Sil- so that soon, as Sir John Richardson observes, vered or Frosted-The Young are Born at All "the market at Canton was overstocked." Pelts Seasons-The Fur Becomes Prime at Two Years, | could still be sold, however, and as long as this During Infancy the Mother Attends Them with | was possible the slaughter went on. When, Affectionate Solicitude, and Sleeps with Her says Elliott, the Prybilov Islands were first discovered, two sailors, Lukannon and Kaistov, killed at St. Paul's Island, in the first year of occupation, 5,000; the next year they got less than 1,000; and in six years afterwards not a single sea otter appeared, and none have appeared since. What occurred there also happened elsewhere, until at present Sasnach Island, off Alaska, and its adjacent reefs, is about the only really remunerative huntingground left throughout the North Pacific coasts

of America. To this STORM-SWEPT AND INCLEMENT REGION present concerned, hunters come provisioned for several months; "The definition of the | and here they remain, always without fire, un-SKULL OF SEA OTTER. family," Dr. Coues re- less the wind be from the south, because their marks, "is strict. The game has added to its natural astuteness the zoological characters by which it is distin- education derived from persecution, and would

With regard to the habits of sea otters, the similarities of character and conformation, following is a brief summary of Elliott's obserclassificatory value of their resemblances, tained from men engaged in taking them. considered that there are eight sub-families of | consume crabs, various kinds of fish, and the ofter, is one. None of them but the skunks | hearing is exceedingly acute, and so greatly present in question, a sub-family now solely take alarm and leave from the effects of a small represented by the animal here considered, fire four or five miles to windward." Surfoccurs upon both coasts of the North Pacific. shooting is the method at present in vogue, shore. Scudding down in their kyacks to the Saanach reefs on the tail of a heavy northerly gale, the Aleuts, armed with short, heavy clubs, creep up to where these animals lie on the rocks hiding their heads from the wind in kelp, and the noise of their approach being lost in the tumult of the sea and roar of the wind, many are often clubbed to death one after another. They cannot be driven out upon land. When this is attempted, desperation fends courage to the surprised creature, and in a series of short leaps, very rapid for a little distance, it will

endeavor, and often succeed. IN PASSING THE ENEMY or enemies who cut it off from the ocean. Finally, "the spear-surround," which Elliots says is "the orthodox native system," is made by 15 or 20 bidarkies in the following way: otter, from interrupted respiration, becomes so filled with air or guses that he cannot sink, and becomes at once an easy victim." Some Aleuts take the sea otter in nets spread upon kelp beds and by extending them over "surf-holes or caves in the bluffs"; the sail water, together with kelp, apparently disinfects the nets so effectually as to destroy all traces of man's touch. It is said that they never attempt to tear themselves loose, easily as this might be done, but, like Himalayan bears caught in a

> (To be continued.) REUNIONS.

trap that a fox would despise, give themselves

up to despair, and passively await their fate.

To Secretaries: Secretaries will greatly favor us by sending brief accounts of the Rounions of their respective organizations for publication in this column, immediately after the occurrence of the same. Also copies of rosters for file and future

Robt. A. Childs, Dearborn and Randolph streets. Chicago: The survivors of the 15th Ill. will hold a Reunion at Belvidere, May 24.

The annual Reunion of the Northwestern Veteran Association will be held at Sac City, Iowa, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 24, 25 and 26. The district embraces the northwest quarter of Iowa. Sae City is noted as a fine place to hold Reunions, having a splendid grove, pura water, and every facility will be afforded. Reduced deep liver-brown, about the same above and rates will be given on the railroads. All soldiers in the district are invited and urged to attend.

Notable speakers will be present. For further information address Phil. Schaller or Jas. N. Miller. Sac City, lowa. Geo. E. Brown, Secretary, Portland: The 23d annual Reunion of the survivors of the 5th Me, will be held at the Fifth Maine Memorial Hall, Peaks Island, Portland Harbor, July 2.

NEW YORK. E. L. Beach, Secretary, Gloversvilla: The surply, ors of the 2d N. Y. Vet. Cav. will hold a Reunion at Amsterdam, Oct. I. All members of the regiment

June 10.

PENNSYLVANIA. The survivers of the 127th Pa. held a Reunion at Lebanon, May 4. The following officers were elected: Pres., Capt. J. Wesley Awe, Harrisburg; They are not weaned for a year or more, and First V.-P., Hon, C. R. Lantz, Lebanon; Second during their whole infancy the mother tends | V.-P., Maj. L. L. Greenawalt, Lebanon; Third V.-P., PENSIONS.

them with affectionate solicitude. Lying upon her back she plays with the little creatures for hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in her back she plays with the little creatures for hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in her back she plays with the little creatures for hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in her back she plays with the little creatures for hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in her back she plays with the little creatures for hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in her back she plays with the little creatures for hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in her back she plays with the little creatures for hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in her back she plays with the little creatures for hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in her back she plays with the little creatures for hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in her back she plays with the little creatures for hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in her back she plays with the little creatures for hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in her back she plays with the little creatures for hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in her back she plays with the little creatures for hours at a time, sleeps with her young clasped in her back she plays with the little creatures for her back she plays with the little creatures for her her arms, and when attacked will interpose her | Fredericksburg, Va., a business meeting to be held Assistant Secretary Bussey recently rendered | These animals are monogamous, which has | participated in a banquet and held a Campfire as

> O. S. Sisson, Secretary, West Salem: The third Rounion of the 2d Wis. Cay, will be held at Prairie the 8th, 25th, 31st and 33d Wis. Inf. and the Southwestern Veteran Association will meet at the same

time and place.

MISCELLANEOUS. W. P. Chamberlan, Secretary, Knoxville, Tenn. There will be a general Rennion of both Federal and campaigns of East Tennessee during the war, at Knoxville, Sept. 8, 9 and 10. It is especially desired o have the survivors of the Ninth and Twenty-third Corps present on this occasion. Gen. Schoffeld. who commanded the Twenty-third Corps, will be

J. M. Dalzell, Caldwell: There will be a grand Reunion of old soldiers at Caldwell, June 12 and 13. Commander-in-Chief Alger, of the Grand Army of the Republic, has promised to be present. Half fares will be given on all ratiroads.

That Old Gag.

[New York Heraid.] Isaac-So you vos in dot theater last night, Schacob. Vat did you see? Jacob-Dot " Merchant von Venice."

"Dot 'Merchant von Venice.' Dell me, Schacob, did they get off lasht night dat old chestnut apout a pound of flesh ?" "You pet! Dey got off dot same old gag apout a pound of meat choest off der prest pone."

If each subscriber to THE NATIONAL account," says Elliott, "of the strange, vigilant | TRIBUNE will charge himself with getting one new subscriber the circulation of the paper will be doubled at once, and with little trouble. interest the most attractive work of fiction." Let cach subscriber try it.